

Remarks

Claims 1, 12 and 13 have been canceled and new claims 17 and 18 included. Claims 2-11, and 14-18 are pending

The Applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the finality of the previous action.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 has been amended as requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

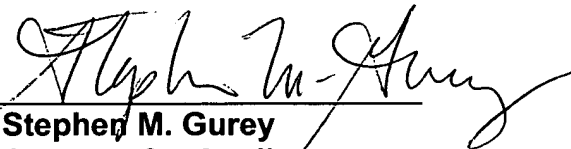
Claims 14-16 stand allowed. By this amendment. Applicant has deleted the words "on start up" from each of claims 14-16. It is submitted that this amendment does not detract from the patentability of the claimed subject matter.

Applicant notes with thanks that claims 3-5 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Accordingly, new apparatus claim 17 is included which combines claims 1 and 4. Additionally, new claim 18 is a method claim worded in similar fashion to claim 17 and it is submitted that this claim is also thus allowable. The other pending claims are directly or indirectly dependent on an allowable claim and thus for this reason at least are also allowable.

Applicant requests reconsideration of this application based on this amendment. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at 973, 386-8252.

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